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To: SAC, Dallas

1 - Mr. McGrath

From: Director, FBI

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA;
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Report of SA Robert B. Gemberling dated 11-30-63, captioned "Changed Lee Harvey Oswald, AKA; Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 11-22-63, Dallas, Texas, MFO."

Report has been reviewed at the Bureau. Based on this review certain suggestions, instructions and observations will be set forth below. These suggestions, instructions and observations are by no means to be considered all inclusive, but are being set out to aid you in making corrections to report, insure all logical investigation is conducted and to remind you this matter must continue to receive very close investigative and supervisory attention. It is recognized there are numerous avenues of investigation suggested as a result of investigation reflected in report, however, it will be your responsibility to insure that each of those avenues are logically explored and resolved.

In order to facilitate your handling of the following items each item will be numbered followed by a page reference to report with the observations set out after it. It is desired you promptly handle the matters mentioned and furnish the Bureau a prompt airtel reply indicating the action taken with regard to each itemized statement.

(1) Page 17 - James Robert Underwood during interview on 11-25-63, stated in addition to others he was with in the Presidential motorcade was James Darnell of WFAA-TV, Fort Worth. If not already done, Darnell should be interviewed.

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(2) Page 22 and 23 - Arnold Louis Rowland, both in [illegible] on 11-22-63 and in a signed statement on 11-24-63, is reported to observed an individual with a white [illegible] on the 6th floor of the Texas School Book

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Depository Building. He describes the location of this individual as the "southwest corner." You should insure this information is correct or that appropriate photographs are displayed to Rowland so that he has a clear picture of where he observed this individual. As you are aware investigative developments generally indicate the individual observed on this floor was in the "southeast corner of the building."

(3) Pages 36 and 37 - Mary Moorman during interview on 11-22-63, indicated she furnished a photograph to Secret Service Agents John Joe Howlett and Bill Patterson on 11-23-63. It is not clear whether this photograph was reviewed by Bureau Agents to determine its pertinency to this case. Advise.

(4) Page 40 - Mr. Jack Franzen was interviewed on 11-23-63, and indicated he was in close proximity to the Presidential motorcade when the President was shot. It is noted Mr. Franzen's wife was with him at that time, but it does not appear she was interviewed. If not already done, she should be interviewed.

(5) Page 40 - Mr. Charles Hester was interviewed on 11-24-63, and indicated he was close to the Presidential motorcade when the President was shot. If not already done his wife Beatrice who accompanied him should also be interviewed.

(6) Pages 69 and 71 - Roger Craig, Deputy Sheriff, has furnished information which does not appear to tie in with other developments in this case, particularly with regard to his "positive" identification of Oswald getting into a white Nash Rambler immediately after the shooting. It would appear that some statement as to Craig's reliability would be in order inasmuch as his earlier identification of the driver of this vehicle was "a Negro" and was later changed to a white male. If necessary he should be reinterviewed to clarify his statements.

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(7) Page 03 - Records of local board 114 were checked, however, it is not clear whether there is a local board number 400 and whether this was checked against the subject and his aliases. If so the records of this board should be appropriately reviewed for information on Oswald.

(8) Page 04 - In the items recovered from the subject upon apprehension, a Dallas library card was obtained containing the name Jack L. Bowen. If not already done, Bowen's connection with subject and this case should be ascertained.

(9) Page 05 - The currency reportedly recovered in subject's possession should be checked through National Stolen Property Indices if not already done.

(10) Page 103 - Oswald's address book reportedly contains names of various Russian immigrants many of whom have been interviewed in this investigation. Further he allegedly attended various social functions in which he engaged in conversations with individuals identified in report. Insure those individuals are appropriately interviewed where desirable and feasible, particularly with reference to their knowledge of the assassination.

(11) Pages 130 and 165 - It would appear the 302 prepared on Lieutenant Carl Day dated 11-23-63, contains an inaccurate statement. Line 10 indicates the paper from the Texas School Book Depository Building when compared with the brown paper bag by our Laboratory was found to be identical. As you are aware our Laboratory did find it similar as shown on page 165. Handle corrections.

(12) Pages 317 and 318 - Buell Wesley Frazier indicated on the morning of 11-22-63, when Oswald was waiting for him outside his residence, his mother, Mrs. Essie Mae Williams and nieces Patricia Ann and Dianne Lynn Randle were present at the time and observed him at the kitchen window. It is possible these individuals may have observed Oswald placing the brown paper bag in Frazier's car. If not already done consider advisability of interviewing these people in this connection. You should also look into the possibility of other neighbors having observed Oswald place this package in the car.

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(13) Page 330 - Mr. O. V. Campbell during interview on 11-23-63, in part stated that while he did not observe anyone fire any shots from the building there was an individual wearing a construction-type hat who indicated he had seen an individual fire from the building and that this individual was being interviewed by a police officer who was apparently taking his name. If not already done efforts should be made to locate and interview this construction worker.

(14) Pages 333, 333 and 334 - Your attention is directed to the interviews of Frank Ellsworth, Hal Aubrey and particularly Albert G. Bogard. As you are aware investigation fails to indicate Oswald had any ability at driving a motor vehicle or that he had a license. The statements attributed to Bogard indicate the subject was capable of driving at speeds of 75 to 85 miles per hour. It would be in complete disagreement with the known facts. The purpose of these individuals furnishing this information is not known, however, the possibility should not be overlooked that they furnished false information to the FBI for some devious reason. Reinterview with Bogard should be conducted, a signed statement obtained and the possible use of the polygraph considered. It is possible a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1001 exists.

(15) Page 371 - Mr. William H. Shelley during interview states on the morning of 11-22-63, Oswald appeared at work as usual. Insure your investigation establishes whether he or any other individual arriving at work at about that time observed Oswald carrying the brown paper bag believed to have contained the rifle used in the assassination. Further, you should determine whether there is any set manner of signing in by employees and insure that individuals signing in at about the same time as Oswald are appropriately interviewed. It would appear logical that all employees working at the Texas School Book Depository Building on 11-22-63, should be interviewed therefore direct your investigative efforts accordingly.

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(16) Page 303 - In connection with the information furnished by Mr. Dial Ryder of the Irving Sport Shop you should insure appropriate checks are made to determine if there are any other individuals in the Irving, Texas, or Dallas, Texas, area with the last name of "Oswald" who could have sought the services of the Irving Sport Shop. If so, they should be interviewed so as to resolve this information.

(17) Page 417 - The information furnished by Ralph Leon Yates does not appear to be completely truthful. You should consider polygraph examination of Yates, the obtaining of a signed statement from him and the possibility of a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1001.

(18) Page 430 - Logical investigation should be conducted to resolve the information furnished by Mr. Frank Ligney on 11-30-63, specifically you should determine the number called in Indiana by the individual in question from Mr. Ligney's business.

It is very possible this referenced report and other subsequent reports may be disseminated outside of the Bureau and it is, therefore, essential that all details contained therein be accurate. You should insure that this report is thoroughly reviewed as to content and structure and any changes necessitated promptly handled.

NOTE: The possible violations of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1001 would appear to be necessary investigative action to preclude the receipt of other false or misleading information which necessitates other necessary investigation on our part.

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